# Solid Waste Container Storage and Access Improvements

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## **Purpose of Legislation**

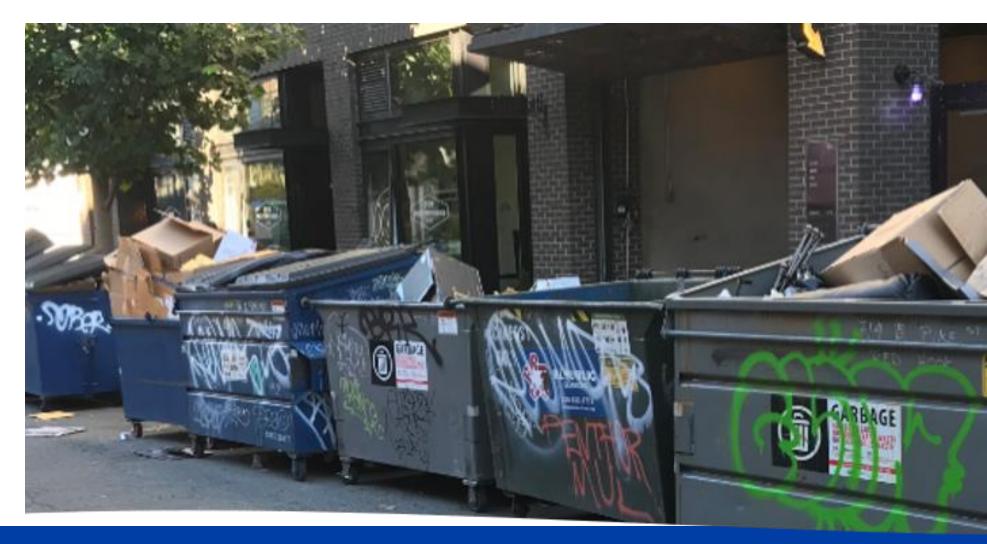
- Meet city and customer solid waste storage and access needs for changing development patterns by ensuring minimum storage space for containers and access for collection vehicles to service.
- Provide clarity for developers
- Codify industry standards



### What is SMC 23.54.040?

#### **Land Use Code**

- Establishes minimum solid waste storage and access requirements for new or expanded buildings
- Governed by SDCI
- SPU provides subjectmatter review and coapproval of solid waste storage & access





## **Developer Input & Response**

 Interviewed 7 Seattle-based large and medium developers

- Briefed Mayor's Housing Subcabinet, Master Builders
  - Also offered briefings to AIA, HDC, ULI Northwest, NAIOP
- SEPA Notice (March '25) no comments received
- Shared proposal with and requested comment from ~25 members of the development community
  - General support/neutral comments/no response



## **Support Housing Density**

#### Cart storage solutions for middle housing

- Proper storage space on private property
- Storage space in all zones
- Flexible storage and service options
- Prevent ROW conflicts
  - Protect space for trees, bike parking, pedestrians



## **Clarify Code**

#### **Streamline Design by Providing Definitions**

- staging area
- collection location
- storage area
- solid waste container types

## Safety: Codify slope maximums and dimensions

- truck access
- pedestrian & truck driver safety
- dumpster service





## Questions

